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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTION

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1. MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION WEIDINGER INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 20 THAT FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITHIN GOA AND DISCUSSION WITH CYPRIOT MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL VENIAMIN ON MAY 17 GOA NOW TENDING TOWARD POSITION OF FAVORING NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN SIZE OF UNFICYP AFTER COMPLETION OF PHASE II REDUCTION.

2. VENIAMIN, WHO WAS IN VIENNA LAST WEEK, MET WITH AUSTRIAN MFA OFFICIAL AMBASSADOR STEINER (ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL) AND WEIDINGER FOR DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS SITUATION. ACCORDING TO WEIDINGER, VENIAMIN MADE STRONG CASE AGAINST ANY ADDITIONAL CUTS IN UNFICYP
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IN NEAR FUTURE, CITING AS ARGUMENTS REPORTED RISING TENSIONS

ON ISLAND, CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE AND APPARENT
IMPASSE ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT POLITICAL-
MILITARY FACTORS OUTWEIGHED PRESSURE FOR ECONOMIES AND THAT
UN THEREFORE SHOULD NOT CONSIDER FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN UNFICYP
AT THIS JUNCTURE.

3. VENIAMIN'S COMMENTS AND CONSULTATION WITH AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP
HAVE MOVED GOA TO ADOPT "GO SLOW" ATTITUDE ON FURTHER
REDUCTIONS. GOA THINKING AT MOMENT THEREFORE IS THAT SC MEETING
ON MAY 29 SHOULD RESULT IN ANOTHER ROUTINE EXTENSION OF UNFICYP
MANDATE WITH ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS FOR LATER CONSIDERATION
AFTER ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS. HUMES

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